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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/629,111	Applicant(s) KATAYAMA ET AL.	
	Examiner Sherrie Hsia	Art Unit 2622	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2 and 3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Dyer (6903779).

As to claim 2, Dyer discloses the claimed subject matter, the claimed receive section is met by the receiver 12 (Fig. 2), the claimed convert section is met by the decoder 14(Fig. 2), the claimed multiplex section is met by the encoder 28 (Fig. 2) and the claimed control section is inherently disclosed (Fig. 4, column 5 lines 28-49, column 7 lines 4-15) (Figs. 2, 4, column 3 lines 23-40, column 4 lines 20-65, column 5 lines 10-49, column 7 lines 4-15).

As to claim 3, the claimed limitation is disclosed by Dyer (Fig. 4, column 5 lines 23-39 column 7 lines 4-15).

2. Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dinwiddie (5959687).

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As to claim 2, Dinwiddie discloses the claimed subject matter, the claimed receive section is met by the input terminal 100 (Fig. 1), the claimed convert section is met by the tuner 105, IF processor 130, video switch 140 and the CC processor 115 (Fig. 1), the claimed multiplex section is met by the video signal processor 155 (Fig. 1) and the claimed control section is met by the CPU 112 (Fig. 1) (see Fig. 1, column 4 lines 41-50, column 6 lines 34-43).

As to claim 3, the claimed limitation is disclosed by Dinwiddie (column 6 lines 34-43).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claim 4 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

4. Claim 1 is allowable over prior art.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Forler (5327176) discloses an automatic display of closed caption information during audio muting.

Winter (6678008) shows an apparatus for generating a digital video picture.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sherrie Hsia whose telephone number is (571) 272-7347.

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